



# Grethel and the Vanishing Chickens

Once upon a time, in a small cozy village, there was a cook named Grethel. She loved wearing her fancy shoes with bright red rosettes. Whenever she wore them, she felt like the prettiest girl in the world. Grethel also had a secret - she loved tasting the delicious food she cooked, especially when she was happy.

One day, her boss, a kind but sometimes forgetful man, asked her to prepare two chickens for a special guest coming for dinner. "No problem!" Grethel said, feeling excited about cooking the chickens just right.

Grethel worked hard in the kitchen. She plucked and prepared the chickens and put them on the spit to roast. As they cooked, they started to look golden brown and smelled yummy. But there was a problem - the guest hadn't arrived yet!

Grethel thought, "These chickens are perfect right now. It would be a shame if they weren't eaten when they're so juicy!" Her boss said he would go and find the guest. While he was gone, Grethel thought it was a good idea to taste the chickens to make sure they were as delicious as they smelled.

She sneaked a bite, and oh, it was so good! "Just a little taste," she thought. But soon, one chicken wing was gone. Then the other. "Well, they should be even," Grethel said to herself and ate the other wing.

Before she knew it, both chickens were gone! Just then, her boss came back, saying the guest was right behind him. Grethel panicked. She had an idea and ran outside to the guest.

She whispered to the guest, "Quick! Run away! My boss wants to cut off your ears!" The guest, scared and confused by the sharpening of the knife and Grethel's warning, ran away as fast as he could.

Grethel then told her boss that the guest had run off with the chickens. Her boss was so sad about losing his dinner. He ran after the guest, yelling, "Just one, just one!" hoping to save at least one chicken. But the guest thought he wanted one of his ears and ran even faster.

And that's how Grethel, with her love for tasty chicken and quick thinking, managed to create a funny mix-up in the village. From that day on, whenever someone did something silly, the villagers would say, "You're just like Grethel and the vanishing chickens!"